

May 15, 2019

VIA Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System

Ms. Gwen R. Pinson
Executive Director
Public Service Commission of Kentucky
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: *Low-Income Weatherization Tariff Filing of Big Rivers Electric Corporation*

Dear Ms. Pinson:

In its order dated December 12, 2018, in *In the Matter of: Demand-Side Management Filing of Big Rivers Electric Corporation on behalf of Itself, Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation, and Meade County R.E.C.C. and Request to Establish a Regulatory Liability*, Case No. 2018-00236, the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") approved Big Rivers' proposal for a Low-Income Weatherization Support Program. Per Ordering Paragraph No. 4 of that order, the Commission's approval was subject to Big Rivers filing "*a tariff setting forth the program details, including a list of weatherization initiatives, support for the proposed initiatives, guidelines, and any contracts and agreements.*"

Big Rivers is filing with this letter, using the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System, new tariff sheets to implement the new program (DSM-14 – Low-Income Weatherization Support Program), as well as related revisions to other tariff sheets. To assist with the Commission's review of these tariff changes, Big Rivers is also filing redline versions of the tariff sheets showing the changes it is making.

Under the new program, Big Rivers will provide funding to Community Action Agencies ("CAA's") in Kentucky that provide weatherization assistance to low-income retail members of Big Rivers' member distribution cooperatives (the "Members") pursuant to the United States Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program ("WAP"). The CAA's will utilize the funding from Big Rivers to complete weatherization-related measures that otherwise would not be accomplished under the WAP due to limitations of government funding for (i) health and safety measures (such as standing water; mold; deteriorated lead-based paint surfaces or other hazardous materials; evidence of infestations of rodents, insects, and/or other vermin; presence of sewage or animal feces in the home; electrical or

plumbing hazards; or structural failures); and (ii) high efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning ("HVAC") upgrades.

In administering the new DSM program, Big Rivers will utilize WAP forms to communications between Big Rivers and the CAA's. Big Rivers is filing examples of those forms with this letter.

On this date, Big Rivers has provided notice of this tariff filing to its three Members – Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation, Kenergy Corp., and Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation – by mailing them a copy of this letter and the other documents being filed with this letter, including the proposed tariff sheets. See 807 KAR 5:011 Section 8(2)(a). Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011 Section 8(4):

- a. The new and revised tariff sheets are expected to be filed with the Commission on May 15, 2019, and the proposed effective date is June 15, 2019.
- b. The only Big Rivers customer class to which the DSM tariffs apply is Big Rivers' Rural class. The rates under the DSM tariff sheets are incentives and not charges. The only incentive changes in this tariff filing result from the new program. The proposed incentives under the new program are up to \$1500 per project for the cost of completed health and safety measures, and up to \$1500 per project for residential HVAC improvements. As there are presently no incentives under the program, Big Rivers is unable to calculate a percentage change.
- c. Because the incentives paid under the new program are not dependent on usage, Big Rivers is not including in this customer notice the amount of the average usage and the effect upon the average bill for each customer class to which the proposed tariff changes will apply.
- d. A person may examine this tariff filing and any other documents Big Rivers has filed with the Public Service Commission at the offices of Big Rivers located at 201 Third Street, Henderson, Kentucky 42420, and on Big Rivers' website at <http://www.bigrivers.com/regulatory-affairs>. A person may examine this tariff filing at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern), or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this tariff filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

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- e. The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Big Rivers, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

An affidavit from an authorized Big Rivers representative verifying the contents of the customer notice, that the notice was mailed to all customers, and the date of the mailing is being filed with this letter. *See* 807 KAR 5:011 Section 8(3)(a).

Should you have any questions about this tariff filing, the notice to the Members, or the other documents referenced herein, you may contact me at 270-844-6185 or at tyson.kamuf@bigrivers.com.

Sincerely yours,



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